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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/28/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-7,14-16,18,19,21-24,26,27 and 29-33.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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1. Claims 2, 5, 8-13, 17, 20, 25, 28 and 34-36 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 14-16, 18, 19, 21-24, 26, 27 and 29-33 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 14-16, 18, 19, 21-24, 26, 27, and 29-33 are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: No prior art of record discloses or fairly suggest a carrier sheet comprising: a printed sheet having a

contour and printed matter on a front face, wherein the printed matter contains card information printed in an area having a contour smaller than the contour of the sheet; the paper sheet having other information outside the card area; a polyfilm patch adhered over the card area and over the card information printed; a thin flexible patch of magnet material adhesively secured on a rear face of the paper sheet and extending over the card area, wherein the patch has a bottom surface and a contour smaller than the contour of the paper sheet and larger than the card area; a die-cut in the paper sheet; a continuous, burstable holding means defined between the bottom of the die-cut and the bottom surface of the patch for holding the die-cut card area.

The Steidinger reference is the closest reference to read on applicant's invention. However, Steidinger does not disclose a patch of magnet material having a bottom surface and a die-cut in the paper sheet delineating the contour of the card area, extending depth-wise through the polyfilm patch and paper sheet and partly into the patch of magnet material, wherein a continuous, burstable holding means is defined between the bottom of the die-cut and the bottom surface of the patch of magnet material.

Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Cox et al, and Cox et al ('035) disclose similar carrier sheets having an integrated card.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark T. Henderson whose telephone number is (571) 272-4477, and informal fax number is (571) 273-4477. The examiner can be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00AM to 3:45PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner Supervisor, Boyer Ashley, can be reached at (571) 272-4502. The formal fax number for TC 3700 is (571) 273-8300.



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